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Mountain goat harvest closed in Upper Blue Lake Zone on Baranof Island

SITKA, Alaska – Sitka District Ranger Eric Garner, under authority delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board, is closing the Upper Blue Lake zone to the harvest of mountain goats. The closure will be effective Friday, October 14, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. and will remain in effect through the rest of the 2022 season, which ends December 31. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has issued a concurrent closure in the same zone. Additional mountain goat harvest in this zone could have long term negative effects on the conservation of the mountain goat subpopulation. The remainder of Baranof Island is open to goat hunting until the season closes, unless closed by special action.

A map and description of the closed areas are available from the Sitka Ranger District and the Sitka area office of ADF&G. Information on Federal subsistence management special actions for the Tongass National Forest can be found at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/news/tongass/news-events>. For additional information, call Biologist Rob Cross at 907-723-8653 or email him at robert.cross@usda.gov.

Information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program can be found at <https://www.doi.gov/subsistence>

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